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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US SANITARY REGULATIONS ON DAIRY IMPORTS

REF: A) A-1940 OF MARCH 8, 1974 B) STATE 43676

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC DELEGATION AND GERMAN

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EMBASSY CALLED ON EUR/RPE DIRECTOR PREEG APRIL 19 TO

PRESENT NOTE COMMENTING ON PROPOSED REGULATION GOVERNING
IMPORT INTO US OF CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS. TEXT OF
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND
HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE RECENT PROPOSALS CONCERNING
UNITED STATES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN MILK AND MILK
PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES "INFECTED WITH FOOT-AND-MOUTH
DISEASE OR RINDERPEST," WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE
FEDERAL REGISTER OF MARCH 6, 1974. THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL
HAD ALREADY SERVED AS THE SUBJECT OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON
OCTOBER 5, 1973.

THE DELEGATION APPRECIATES THE PROPOSED CHANGES CONCERNING
THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS, AMONG THEM
BUTTER, CHEESE, BUTTEROIL, AND CONSUMER SIZE PACKAGES
CONTAINING DRY MILK PRODUCTS. AS FOR THE OTHER PRODUCTS,
THE DELEGATION IS STILL CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT NO
ASSURANCES ARE GIVEN EITHER AS TO THE NUMBER AND
STOCKPILING CAPACITY OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND WAREHOUSES
THAT WOULD BE APPROVED FOR IMPORT OR AS TO THE DURATION
OF THEIR AUTHORIZATION.

UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THE DELEGATION INSISTS ON
EXPRESSING TO THE U.S. AUTHORITIES THE RESERVATIONS OF
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY ON THIS SUBJECT.

THE DELEGATION WILL NOT FAIL TO RETURN TO THIS QUESTION
AT A LATER DATE SHOULD IT BE PROVED THAT ENFORCEMENT OF
THE RECENT PROPOSALS CONSTITUTES A BARRIER TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE.

THE DELEGATION WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WILL SUBMIT BEFORE
APRIL 22, TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, COMMENTS CALLED
FOR BY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED
U.S. REGULATIONS.

2. REPRESENTATIVES ALSO DELIVERED COPY OF A LETTER
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FROM GERMAN EMBASSY, ACTING FOR EC MEMBERS, TO THE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, USDA,
RAISING A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
PROPOSED REGULATION AND SUGGESTING QUOTE THE COMMUNITY
FEELS THAT BEFORE THE MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE UNITED
STATES COME INTO FORCE, DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE
AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL. THE COMMUNITY THEREFORE REQUESTS
THAT AN ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS EXTENSION BE GRANTED FOR

THE SUBMISSION OF FINAL OBSERVATIONS, SO THAT THESE
DISCUSSIONS CAN TAKE PLACE...END QUOTE. FULL TEXT OF
THIS LETTER POUCHED TO ERNEST JOHNSTON, USEC. KISSINGER

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